

**Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing**  
**February 3, 2020, 7:00pm**  
**Village Municipal Center**

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Gordon Smith Jr., Trustees Stephanie Munger and Dan Brown; absent Trustee Dean Hyatt

Village Key Staff: Superintendent of Public Works George Johnson, Assistant Sup't Scott Mackey, Police Chief Ernie Bassett Jr., Fire Chief/Sgt. Ryan Pedone, Ass't Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Diana Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Matt Sarri, *The Granville Sentinel*

Others: Mr. Scott McCullen, Mr. Aaron Rollwagon, Mr. Paul Garrone, Mr. John and Mrs. Linda Freed, Mr. Steve and Mrs. Felecia Dougherty, Mr. Michael Angiolillo, Mr. George Demas, Mr. Robert Tatko, Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Mary King, Mr. Linden Shaw, Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Rebecca Dittmeier, Mr. Ernie Wood, Mr. David and Mrs. Katherine Juckett, Ms. Krystle Morey, Mr. John Norton, and 2 students from GHS seeking credits for community participation.

Mayor Labas asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm. Following the pledge, the Mayor called the Public Hearing to Order concerning the final report for the Capital Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant funded by a CDBG Grant.

Village Engineer Jason Preisner (Lamont Engineers) briefed those in attendance concerning the Capital Project. The scope of project work included upgrades to the trickling filter, replacement of pumps, motors, and hardware, and installation of a large propane stand-by generator. The scope of the project was fully completed, on time, and under budget. The Village received favorable pricing in the project bids, and Chief WWTP Operator was very pleased with the quality of work provided by the General Contractor.

The Mayor then inquired if anyone wished to be recognized for public comment.

No one wished to be recognized.

Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:05pm. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas called the Regular Session to Order at 7:05pm.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Brown moved the ratification of the Meeting Minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> as circulated. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Rescue Squad (Annual Report), Water Dept. (3 Samples, all satisfactory), and Village Court. Trustee Munger moved acceptance of the reports as submitted. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appropriations: The following claims were submitted to the Board for review and in consideration of payment:

General Fund: \$37,888.16  
Water Fund: \$19,118.78  
Sewer Fund: \$28,338.99  
Senior Shuttle: \$1,459.49  
Unaudited Vouchers: \$1,953.04

Total Claims: \$88,758.46

The Board audited the claims and Trustee Brown moved their approval for payment. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo recommending several budget transfers within the General and Water Funds in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items in the funding of this evening's appropriations:

**General Fund**

<b><u>Acct #</u></b>	<b><u>Acct Title</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>
A36204	Contractual Exp—Code Enf.	+\$100.00	Fuel, Mowing Costs > Budgeted
A79890	Grant Writing	-\$100.00	Cure above shortfall

**Water Fund**

F83402	Water Equipment	+\$6,300.00	New Water Pump, Well #4
F83304	Purification	-\$3,000.00	Cure above shortfall
F83404	Contractual Exp—Water	-\$3,300.00	Cure above shortfall

Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Brown moved acceptance of the transfers as recommended. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consider Policies, ADA Compliance: As part of the process of closing out the CDBG grant used for the upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the grant administrator has asked that the Village update its policies pertaining to ADA Compliance. These policies, modeled on templates provided by the Office of Community Renewal, speak to how persons with disabilities generally communicate their needs to the Municipality and how the Municipality addresses those needs, as well as a grievance procedure if the Municipality's initial response is not deemed to be satisfactory. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Munger moved adoption of the policies as written. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Authorize DPW Superintendent to Renew Highway Work Permit: Each year, the NYS DOT circulates a permit to local Municipalities to allow them to perform utility work on NYS Highways, subject to certain safety and insurance provisions. The Village is in receipt of the permit renewal application for 2020. Following a brief period of discussion, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the DPW Superintendent be authorized to execute the same. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appoint Election Inspectors: In connection with the Special Election of March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor reviewed a memo from the Village Clerk requesting appointment of election inspectors. The nominees are Village residents and have been trained in election procedures for Village Elections through NYCOM:

Denise Davies (Chair)  
Diana Scarlotta

Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Munger moved approval of the candidates as specified. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried 3-0, with Trustee Brown abstaining.

Requests for Use of Veterans Park: Mayor Labas reviewed two written requests pertaining to the use of Veterans Park:

- 1) Granville Assembly of God Church: The Church would like to hold a family fun day in the Park, targeting the youth of the community, and open to all denominations. The date requested is Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. Trustee Brown moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 2) Granville Lions Club: The Lions Club is seeking permission to hold a field day for children in the Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon. Events such as sack races, hurdles, etc. are planned and all children receive participation ribbons, refreshments, and watermelon. This event is generally held at the Little League complex, but given the existing coal tar removal project, the Lions Club is requesting relocation to Veterans Park. Trustee Brown moved approval of this request as submitted. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Coin Drop Requests: The Mayor reviewed two written requests for Coin Drops with the Board:

- 1) Granville Youth Football—Requested date July 18<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date July 25<sup>th</sup>)—Trustee Munger moved approval of the request as submitted. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- 2) Granville Little League—Requested date May 2<sup>nd</sup>—Trustee Munger moved that the request be approved as submitted. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution—Complete Streets: Mayor Labas reviewed a proposed Resolution concerning the Village's desire to promote safe and efficient streets, including items like proper crosswalks, bike lanes where feasible, greenspaces, etc. While the Village is not seeking to upgrade each and every street in this manner, passage of this Resolution will allow the Village to apply for certain grant funding, and perhaps enable street improvements to be made without direct use of taxpayer dollars raised locally. Following a review of the proposed Resolution, Deputy Mayor Smith offered its consideration for adoption as written, by motion. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Resolution—Amend Criminal Justice Reform: The Mayor circulated a draft Resolution proposed by NYCOM to request that the Governor and State Legislature re-examine the recently enacted criminal justice reforms seen within the State. While the original premise of this legislation was well intended, many feel that it has gone too far in releasing habitual offenders, and not permitting judges to set bail in cases where it is likely warranted. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Brown offered the Resolution for consideration by motion. Trustee Munger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Bond Resolution: Mayor Labas reviewed a Bond Resolution prepared by Bond Council A. Joseph Scott. The Resolution authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to borrow up to \$150,000 through a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) concurrent with the authorizing resolution passed in January relating to the acquisition of the TD Bank Building located at 6-10 Main Street. Following a period of discussion, Deputy Mayor Smith moved ratification of the Resolution by motion. Trustee Brown seconded the motion and it carried 3-1 (Trustee Munger against).

Ratify New Member—Granville Engine & Hose Company #1: Chief Ryan Pedone has provided the Mayor with a memorandum requesting approval of a new member. The candidate was ratified by the Company at a recent department meeting:

Krystle Morey

Trustee Munger moved approval of the member as per the recommendation of the Company. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports: Mayor Labas briefed the Board in the following matters:

- A. Circulation of 2020-21 Budgets (Working Copy): Mayor Labas circulated the working copy to the Board of the 2020-21 Budgets for the General, Water and Sewer Funds. He advised that his goals with the Budgets were to be tax cap compliant, with minimal increases seen in the Water & Sewer Funds. The Mayor advised that he will be consulting with Dept. Heads this month, and scheduling a Budget Workshop with the Board prior to presentation of the Tentative Budget on March 2.
- B. Schedule Budget Workshop: The Mayor asked the Board's pleasure in scheduling a Budget Workshop later this month. Following a period of discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Workshop would be convened on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Mayor Labas then opened the meeting to public comment at 7:35pm.

Mr. John Norton asked if it was acceptable for Deputy Mayor Smith to be participating in the meeting by teleconference. He was advised that participation by teleconference is allowed, providing that the participant can see the audience, and be seen by the public.

Mr. George Demas inquired as to the amount of the Authorizing Resolution that was passed at the January Meeting by the Board of Trustees. The Mayor advised that the Authorizing Resolution matched the funding seen in this evening's Bond Resolution, \$150,000.

Mr. Charlie King inquired as to why Trustee Brown changed his mind in voting for the Authorizing Resolution at the January Meeting. Trustee Brown replied that upon an examination of the facts and data provided to him, he felt that the project was within the public's interests.

Mr. Robert Tatko questioned the Village's response to his various FOIL requests. The Mayor, Village Clerk, and Village Attorney advised that language specifying "any and all documents" pertaining to a subject did not adequately describe the specific records that he was seeking, and that these requests left too much to interpretation. Mr. Tatko went on to request two specific documents—the purchase

and sale contract relating to the proposed acquisition of the TD Bank Property, and the Engineering report compiled for the same. The Mayor agreed that these documents could be supplied.

Mrs. Kathy Juckett questioned why all documents involving this transaction could not be made public. The Mayor and Mrs. Juckett then engaged in an extended conversation, and he advised that the Village was doing its best to complete the necessary due diligence associated with this project. He emphasized that a group of individuals seems to be trying to dig up things that simply are not there, and that any real estate transaction involving public monies must be vetted to high standards. The Mayor also pointed out that the Village and Town have an excellent working relationship, and that each municipality does its best to help the other in whatever means possible.

Mrs. Rebecca Dittmeier expressed concerns about relocating the Police Department to the downstairs of the TD Bank building, as opposed to their present location near the school. She also expressed concerns relating to moisture/water in the basement of the building. The Mayor responded that the Village provides a full-time, armed School Resource Officer to the School at present, and pointed to the engineering report, which indicated no substantial wetness, leaks, or water observed in the basement at the time of the inspection.

Mr. Michael Angiolillo inquired as to how much would be expected to be received from the sale of the existing Municipal Center. The Mayor advised that he had already been approached by three businesses regarding the existing property and he expected that the Village should receive top dollar from the successful bidder. Mr. Angiolillo also highlighted the loss of certain furnishings and equipment stored in the basement of the TD Bank building several years ago. The Mayor again pointed to the Engineering report received, which indicated that sealants/resin had been applied in several areas of the basement—this was seen to remediate this concern.

Mr. Stewart Dittmeier reiterated the concerns with water/mold in the basement raised by Mr. Angiolillo. The Mayor advised that he would inquire with the Village Engineering firm in this matter.

Mr. Ernie Wood inquired if any actions were to be considered concerning the hiring of substitute drivers for the Senior Shuttle this evening. The Mayor advised that this action would likely be taken up at the Budget Workshop on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

There was no further public comment.

Trustee Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40pm. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts  
Village Clerk-Treasurer